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Subject: **Serial No.: 09/474,326**Pages: 27 (including this cover)

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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/474,326**  
Our Docket #E-977

Enclosed please find correspondence regarding the status of the subject case, Our Attorney Docket #E-977. Also enclosed is a copy of the references therein, namely, the response filed on July 15, 2002, in the above referenced application, including the Receipted Postcard, the Petition for Extension of Time, the Amendment Transmittal letter and the Amendment.

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Attention: Examiner Marianne Huseman, Group Art Unit: 2161  
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1. Letter Regarding Non-Receipt by PTO of Response filed by the Applicants on July 15, 2002 (2 pages);
2. Copies of documents referred in the Letter:
  - a) Receipted Postcard (1 page);
  - b) Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages);
  - c) Petition and Fee For Extension of time (2 pages) and
  - d) Amendment (19 pages).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

) Attorney Docket No.: E-977

Thomas J. Foth et al.

) Group Art Unit: 2161

Serial No.: 09/474,326

) Examiner: Marianne Huseman

Filed: December 29, 1999

) Date: July 15, 2002

Title: METHOD FOR FACILITATING A TRANSACTION BETWEEN A  
MERCHANT AND A BUYERAMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, attached are:

1. A clean version of replacement paragraphs and claims, as follows:
  - Replacement Paragraphs on Pages 8, 11, 13, 16, and 18
  - Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7;
2. Appropriate Remarks; and
3. A version with markings to show the changes made in the Specification and the Claims.

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